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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the specification, the penultimate and last paragraphs on page 6 have been amended to clearly show the relationship between the jack and the surface of the platform, i.e., the jack is constrained to the center of the platform.

Claims 1-10 remain in this application wherein all claims have been amended except claim 7. The amendments are drawn to the relationship between the positions of the platform wheels, the jack leg and the leg motion restricting walls. Your applicant has found that unless the jack leg is constrained to a central position on the platform it is likely that the dolly can be upset when it is moved especially when one or more of the wheels strike an obstacle on the rolling surface. This is especially true when significant weight is placed on the jack leg. The dolly of Bertrand would not be suitable to carry the very heavy weight of a boat or other trailer mounted load because the walls are placed adjacent to the outside edge of the platform. Should the jack leg slide against one of the walls in Bertrand, the dolly would be unstable during rolling movement. This has been discovered through extensive testing. Therefore, Bertrand teaches away from a central constrained position of the jack leg. Rigin does not teach the constraining of the jack to the center of the dolly by any means. Therefore, it would not be within the scope of one of ordinary skill to join Bertrand and Rigin to achieve the centralized positioning of the present invention apparatus. As to the Peckham et al reference, it is shown that although the jack leg is placed within a constrained tray of the apparatus so that it cannot disengage by lateral movement, no consideration of the relative positions of the jack leg constraining elements 10 and the wheels 7 and 9 has been made relative to any offsetting forces, i.e., the forces on the jack leg 12 are off-center with respect to the wheel axle and therefore constitute an offsetting torque. This condition is clearly not able to sustain a very heavy weight. Further, this reference does not teach the use of a centralizing wall for maintaining an adequate and sufficient positioning of the downward forces of the jack

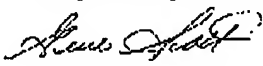
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leg and the upward forces of the wheels.

In conclusion, it is clear that the references do not teach how to use a simple flat platform dolly with a heavy load to assure centralizing of the load. This principal is important to the success of the objectives of the present invention.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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